

## Remarks

Claims 1-39 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

Claim 1-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Levergood et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,708,780), hereafter "Levergood." This rejection is defective because Levergood does not disclose each and every feature set forth in the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Claim 1 recites:

"A method for protecting a distributed application user, comprising:  
    providing a distributed application on a server;  
    determining a security value for an authenticated user of the distributed application;  
    associating the security value with a set of commands of the distributed application, wherein each command comprises a command that can be used in a malicious attack against the authenticated user;  
    receiving one of the set of commands on the server from the authenticated user;  
    checking the one command for the security value to determine if the one command originated from the authenticated user;  
    preventing execution of the one command if the security value is not found with the one command; and  
    returning an error message to the authenticated user if the security value is not found with the one command, wherein the error message prompts the authenticated user for confirmation before the one command can be executed."

Levergood fails to disclose, among other features, "associating the security value with a set of commands of the distributed application, **wherein each command comprises a command that can be used in a malicious attack against the authenticated user,**" receiving one of the set of commands on the server from the authenticated user," "checking the one command for the security value to determine if the one command originated from the authenticated user," "preventing execution of the one command if the security value is not found with the one command," and "returning an error message to the authenticated user if the security value is not found with the one command, wherein the error message prompts the authenticated user for confirmation before the one command can be executed." On the contrary, Levergood's SID is associated with, and is used to provide selective access to, a "controlled page" (see, e.g., column 5, lines 17-65, FIG. 2A). Levergood's SID is not used to control the execution of commands, which can be used in a malicious attack, as in the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claim 1, and associated dependent claims 2-10, are allowable. Further, Applicants submit that independent claims 11 (and associated dependent claims 12-17), 18 (and associated dependent claims 19-28), and 29 (and associated dependent claims 30-39) are allowable for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to independent claim 1.

Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in

rejecting the claimed subject matter. These features have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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